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## **NYEC Selects the New Leaders Academy Class of 2002**

Washington, D.C. – The National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC) today selected 34 professionals to participate in the 2002 New Leaders Academy, a one-year professional leadership and management training program.

The New Leaders Academy is specifically designed to equip professionals who serve youth ages 14-25 with skills for leadership and management. This competitive, year-long program provides training in current information about practice, policy, and research from the fields of youth employment and youth development.

Those accepted to the program participate in two residential training sessions, work with a group of peers throughout the year on a Topical Study Group project to broaden their understanding of systemic and substantive issues, and receive guidance from a Career Advisor in developing their professional skills and knowledge. The New Leaders Academy curriculum includes current information on what works in youth employment; training in the use of available data and successful models; management skills training; and opportunities to network with other professionals in the field.

“The New Leaders Academy was the best management training I have experienced,” said Walt Jinks, Residential Camp Manager at Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Civilian Conservation Corps, and a graduate of the New Leaders Class of 1999. “I recommend it to anyone who wants to improve youth programs.”

The New Leaders Class of 2002 will convene February 25 – March 1, 2002, in Washington, D.C. for the First Residential Training Session.

NYEC is a network of over 190 youth employment/youth development organizations dedicated to promoting policies and programs which help youth succeed in becoming lifelong learners, productive workers and self-sufficient citizens. NYEC seeks to create: effective programs; more productive policies; better trained and more effective practitioners collaborative ventures; and public understanding and support for youth employment and development initiatives.

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